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SUBJECT: OPEC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL FUND  
AND GROUP OF 77 RESOLUTION ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION

BEGIN SUMMARY - FOR SEVERAL DAYS RUMORS HAVE SPREAD THAT OPEC  
WOULD PROPOSE A FUND. THEIR PROPOSAL SURFACE TUESDAY, NOVEM-  
BER 12. TEXT IS BELOW. ALSO BELOW IS TEXT OF G-77 PROPOSAL  
FOR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. BOTH  
TEXTS INTRODUCED IN BEHALF OF OPEC BY ALGERIA. (DUTCH CO-SPONSOR-  
ED OPEC RESOLUTION) END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT OPEC DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR A FUND TO FINANCE FOOD AND  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN LDC'S

" THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,  
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RECOGNIZING THAT PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY AND PROPER UTILIZATION OF FOOD ARE THE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;

RECOGNIZING THAT FURTHER THAT THE PROSPECTS OF THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION CALL FOR URGENT AND COORDINATED MEASURES FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES;

RESOLVES THAT:

1. A FUND BE ESTABLISHED TO FINANCE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

2. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE, SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIVE CRITERIA,

3. THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY A GOVERNING BOARD CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES;

4. THE OPERATIONS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AND/OR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATION AND CRITERIA TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD."

2. TEXT OF GROUP OF 77 RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS.

"THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,

RECOGNIZING THAT AN ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH FOR MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS,

APPRECIATING THE COMPLEX NATURE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, WHICH CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH AN INTEGRATED MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS A WHOLE,

CONSIDERING THAT COLLECTIVE WORLD FOOD SECURITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A WORLD FOOD POLICY SHOULD BE PROMOTED AND ITS CONCEPT FURTHER DEFINED AND ELABORATED SO THAT IT SHOULD FOSTER THE ACCELERATION OF THE PROCESS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ENSURE THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION,

APPRECIATING THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES CONCERNED, AND TO ENSURE THAT THEIR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE COORDINATED IN AN EFFECTIVE AND INTEGRATED WORLD FOOD POLICY,

RECOGNIZING IN PARTICULAR THE NEED FOR IMPROVED INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO INCREASE WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION, TO

SAFEGUARD WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND TO ENSURE THAT TIMELY ACTION IS TAKEN TO MEET THE THREAT OF ACUTE FOOD SHORTAGES OR FAMINES IN THE DIFFERENT DEVELOPING REGIONS.

RECOMMENDS THE SPEEDY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

I. THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. A WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AS AN AUTONOMOUS ORGAN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SERVE AS AN OVERALL MECHANISM TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED AND CONTINUING ATTENTION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNING FOOD PRODUCTION, NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD AID AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING FOOD TRADE,

2. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF .... MEMBERS, ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION BALANCED REGIONAL REPRESENTATION WITH AN ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS,

3. THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT ITS PRESIDENT AND APPROVE ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE. IT SHALL BE SERVICED JOINTLY BY THE UN (AND FAO);

4. THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW PERIODICALLY MAJOR PROBLEMS AND POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION, AND THE STEPS BEING PROPOSED OR TAKEN TO RESOLVE THEM BY GOVERNMENTS, BY REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BY INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, AND SHOULD RECOMMEND FURTHER REMEDIAL ACTION AS APPROPRIATE. THE SCOPE OF THE COUNCIL'S REVIEWS SHALL EXTEND TO ALL FACETS OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF MAJOR PROBLEMS ;

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5. THE COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF WORK BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. WHILE DOING SO IT WILL GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO:  
A) THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; AND  
B) THESE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY BALANCE OF PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES IN THE CURRENT SITUATION;

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6. THE COUNCIL WILL MAINTAIN CONTACTS, RECEIVE REPORTS FROM AND ISSUE DIRECTIVES TO INTERNATIONAL AND UN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TASK OF EVOLVING AND MANAGING THE WORLD FOOD POLICIES;

7. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CAN CONVENE THE COUNCIL, AT SHORT NOTICE, TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY FOOD PROBLEMS;

8. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE ASSISTED BY REGIONAL INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES OF THE THE (DEVELOPING) REGIONS TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES SHALL BE SERVICED BY EXISTING UNITED NATIONS AND FAO INSTITUTIONS IN THE REGIONS;

## II. COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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1. THE COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. IT SHALL SUBMIT PERIODICAL AND SPECIAL

REPORTS, WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

2. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) TO KEEP THE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE DEMAND, SUPPLY AND STOCK POSITION FOR BASIC FOOD STUFF UNDER CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND DISSEMINATE TIMELY INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS;
- B) TO MAKE PERIODIC EVALUATIONS OF THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STOCK LEVELS, IN AGGREGATE IN EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, FOR ASSURING A REGULAR FLOW OF SUPPLIES OF BASIC FOOD STUFF TO MEET REQUIREMENTS IN DOMESTIC AND WORLD FOOD MARKETS, INCLUDING FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS, IN TIME OF SHORT CROPS AND SERIOUS CROP FAILURE;
- C) TO REVIEW THE STEPS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING;
- D) TO RECOMMEND SUCH SHORT-TERM AND LONGER-TERM POLICY ACTION AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO REMEDY ANY DIFFICULTY FORESEEN IN ASSURING ADEQUATE CEREAL SUPPLIES FOR MINIMUM WORLD FOOD SECURITY;
- E) THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE FAO/UNCTAD AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

### III. COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

1. THE COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES TO ENABLE IT TO EVOLVE AND COORDINATE THE SHORT-TERM AND LONGER-TERM FOOD AID POLICY RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE;

2. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT FUNCTION OF THE ICC, SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A) TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITIES OF SECURING IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FOOD AID;
- B) TO REVIEW PERIODICALLY GENERAL TRENDS IN FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTS AND FOOD AID AVAILABILITIES;

- C) TO RECOMMEND TO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ON SUCH MATTERS AS PROGRAMMED PRIORITIES, COMPOSITION OF FOOD AID COMMODITIES AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS;

3. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDED BY WFP."

3. THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY FOR CONFERENCE TO COMBINE THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS. VOLPE

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